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REPORT POSTAL SAVINGS BANK WITH ITS NAME CHANGED

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The Senate Committee on Post-Office and Post-Roads today voted to report favorably the postal savings bank bill, drafted by a subcommittee of which Senator Carter was chairman. An amendment was adopted, changing the name of the proposed institution to postal depositories, which meets the objections raised against the bill by bankers. The amendment does not alter the purpose of the bill, the objects of which are to furnish convenient depositories for the small savings of people remote from adequate banking facilities.

TRANSFER FIGHT WILL BE BITTER

Declaring that the ordinance requiring the Virginia Passenger and Power Company to inaugurate a system of universal transfers is not unreasonable, members of the Council Committee on Ordinances, in order that the committee make a hard fight to prevent the opposition from defeating it. The question was first brought up by the committee, a resolution being adopted requesting the City Attorney to ascertain if the city could demand a change in the system, and if so, to prepare a law in accordance with the measure. It was reported to the Common Council and was passed under a suspension of rules.

When it went to the Board of Aldermen for concurrence, however, Alderman Wood had it sent back to the committee in order that the committee make a hard fight to prevent the opposition from defeating it. The ordinance provides that when a passenger is transferred at a certain point he shall be entitled to take the first car going in the direction he desires to take, whether it is the car operated by the company or another, the City Attorney holding that so far as the effect is concerned all cars are operated by the same corporation, a statement to which Receivers Northrop and Wickham do not subscribe.

The transfer matter is on the docket for to-night, but it may be postponed.

Fought in the Street.

J. R. Saunders and David Branner (white) were arrested last night by Police Officer T. H. T. for fighting in the street. They will tell their tale in the Police Court this morning.

Stole a Bicycle.

Griffin J. (colored) stole a bicycle, the property of E. R. Giles, and failed to return it for four months from the Police Court yesterday.

Selling Without License.

Annie Sumner was in the Police Court yesterday on the charge of selling ardent spirits without a license. Her case was continued to May 30th.

Servant Sent to Jail.

George Moses, a Syrian, was fined \$100 in the Hustings Court yesterday for peddling without a license. He was sent to jail until he could arrange to pay the sum.

Boy Goes to Reformatory.

PORTSMOUTH, Va., April 16.—Napoleon Scott, the seventeen-year-old white boy recently convicted in the Norfolk County Circuit Court, was today turned over by Judge Portlock to the Prison Association of Virginia to be sent to the Laurel Reformatory. Scott says he is a son of a minister of the Gospel, who now resides in West Virginia.

HOBOS FLOORED THEM

Argument was begun in the Circuit Court of Henrico yesterday morning in the case of W. A. Hammond against the Richmond and Chesapeake Bay Railway, which runs next to the property of the plaintiff. The fight is for the appointment of commissioners to assess the damages. The case will probably be finished this afternoon.

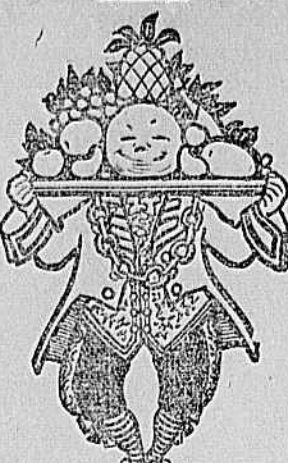
Speaks Many Languages.

Over to the prison, a desperate desire to travel this spring, Henrico jail now has exactly fifty inmates, more than it has boasted in many months. Fully three-quarters of these are "hoboes," wandering aimlessly to and from the city. Yesterday's batch numbered seven—three white and four colored. Most notable of these was one William Green, colored, who claims to have visited the ends of the earth. He says he is able to speak several languages, and when arrested he handed out a card which he said was a list of the names of the cities he had visited. He was a dapper fellow, even though he might not have been convinced. Despite his versatility, Green was fined \$2.50 and costs, plus sixty days' security, before "Squire Lewis." His enlightening conversation will be continued within the four walls of the jail for some weeks.

To Elect Delegates.

Mass meetings will be held in the four districts of the county on April 25th for the purpose of naming delegates to the State Democratic convention in Roanoke. The date was fixed at a recent meeting of the Henrico Democratic Committee.

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NEWS GATHERED FROM SOUTHSIDE

Mr. Toney's Reception Develops Into Meeting for Organizing Business Club.

CITIZENS WANT FREE BRIDGE

Many Join in Movement to Advance Commercial Welfare of City—Other Matters.

Scheduled as a social affair, the reception given last night by Mr. D. L. Toney to his associates and friends on the occasion of his retirement from the City of Richmond, was the most enthusiastic gathering of public spirited citizens ever held in this city, and from the moment speech-making began to the close of the banquet, the hall resounded with the applause which every address brought forth.

There were a few moments of social intercourse after the guests arrived, but they were shortly ushered into the dining room and seated at the long table, which was decorated with violets, sweet peas and lilies. The menu was elaborate.

It was not, however, until after coffee and cigars had been served that enthusiasm reached its highest, but when Mr. Toney, in expressing his regret on retiring from the Council, suggested to those present that a business men's association be formed, there was unbounded applause. From that moment to the close of the banquet each speaker who alluded to the plan proposed by Mr. Toney found that it had struck a popular chord, which means that the organization will be perfected.

Mr. Toney in his opening remarks not only suggested the association, but pointed out the lines along which it should be formed. He said it was a matter of regret to him to retire from the Council, but declared that owing to the pressure of business it would be impossible for him to remain longer in that body.

Met With Popular Favor.

Mr. Toney was toastmaster, introducing each speaker in a few appropriate and usually humorous words. The meeting was heartily concurred in by the Business Men's Association movement, and each one pledged himself to become a member.

Mr. J. W. Bronaugh struck the keynote of the meeting when he said that first among the things to be considered by the newly-formed association was the matter of the new free bridge. He urged the citizens to take action at once. "Do not wait for Richmond," he said, "Borrow the money and go ahead."

Other citizens who followed Mr. Bronaugh were heartily in favor of the new bridge, and expressed themselves as willing to co-operate in any movement looking to that end.

Mr. J. D. Reams, president of the City Council, who was called upon to express himself as greatly in favor of the Business Men's Association, the new bridge and municipal electric lighting plant.

Among the others who spoke were Mayor H. A. Maurice, J. R. Perdue, John W. Burkert, chairman of the City Committee; Charles Sharp, superintendent of the water works; John W. Moore, J. P. Robinson, L. L. Patnam, of the Board of Aldermen; George W. Blankenship, high constable of the city; B. M. Robertson, of the Board; J. C. Saunders, city sergeant; Thomas H. Smith, postmaster; Judge Gregory, Commonwealth's attorney of Chesterfield; C. O. B. Gordon, of the Evening Journal; W. E. Seal, of the News Leader; and C. B. Goolrick, of The Times-Dispatch.

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Three White Boys Fined.

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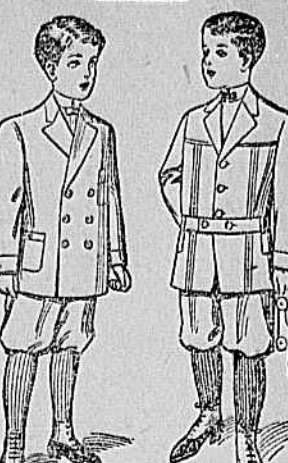
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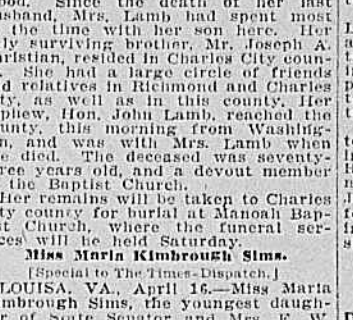
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His remains will be taken to Charles City county for burial at Manassah Baptist Church, where the funeral services will be held Saturday.

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A gloom has been cast over the entire community by the death of this sweet young girl, who had endeared herself to all who knew her by her gracious manners and lovable character.

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